

Public Law 92-198

AN ACT

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to liberalize the provisions relating to payment of disability and death pension, and for other purposes.

December 15, 1971
[H. R. 11651]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subsection (b) of section 521 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) If the veteran is unmarried (or married but not living with and not reasonably contributing to the support of his spouse) and has no child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$130. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$1,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,000 up to and including \$1,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,500 up to and including \$1,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,800 up to and including \$2,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,200 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 7 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$2,600."

(b) Subsection (c) of such section 521 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) If the veteran is married and living with or reasonably contributing to the support of his spouse, or has a child or children, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$500 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$140 for a veteran and one dependent, \$145 for a veteran and two dependents, and \$150 for three or more dependents. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$500 up to and including \$900, the particular monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$900 up to and including \$3,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; and for each \$1 annual income in excess of \$3,200 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$3,800."

(c) Subsection (b) of section 541 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) If there is no child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$87. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$600 up to and including \$1,900, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,900 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$2,600."

(d) Subsection (c) of such section 541 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) If there is a widow and one child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$600 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$104. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$600 up to and including \$1,400, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,400 up to and including \$2,700, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,700 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents. Whenever the

Veterans.
Disability and
death pension,
liberalization.
73 Stat. 433;
84 Stat. 1580.

Veterans with
dependents.

Widows.

Widow with
one child.

monthly rate payable to the widow under the foregoing formula is less than the amount which would be payable to the child under section 542 of this title if the widow were not entitled, the widow will be paid at the child's rate. No pension shall be paid if the annual income exceeds \$3,800."

73 Stat. 435.

81 Stat. 180.

Children.

Annual income
determinations.
73 Stat. 432;
84 Stat. 1584.

(e) Subsection (d) of such section 541 is amended by striking out "\$16" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$17".

(f) Subsection (a) of section 542 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out "\$40" and "\$16" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$42" and "\$17", respectively.

SEC. 2. Section 503 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by (a) inserting "(a)" immediately preceding "In" at the beginning of such section, and (b) adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(b) Where a fraction of a dollar is involved, annual income shall be fixed at the next lower dollar.

"(c) The Administrator may provide by regulation for the exclusion from income under this chapter of amounts paid by a veteran, widow, or child for unusual medical expenses."

SEC. 3. Paragraph (2) of section 3012(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out "month" and inserting in lieu thereof "calendar year".

76 Stat. 949.

84 Stat. 1583.
38 USC 521
note.

SEC. 4. Section 4 of Public Law 90-275 (82 Stat. 68) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The annual income limitations governing payment of pension under the first sentence of section 9(b) of the Veterans' Pension Act of 1959 hereafter shall be \$2,200 and \$3,500, instead of \$1,900 and \$3,200, respectively."

73 Stat. 436.
38 USC 521
note.

SEC. 5. (a) Paragraph (30) of section 101 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking the phrase "for ninety days or more".

(b) Paragraph (3) of subsection 521(g) of such title 38 is amended by inserting immediately before "World War I" the phrase "the Mexican border period or".

84 Stat. 1584.
81 Stat. 182.

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1972.

Approved December 15, 1971.

Public Law 92-199

AN ACT

December 15, 1971
[S. 2248]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility investigations.

Water resources
development proj-
ects.
Feasibility
studies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to engage in feasibility studies of the following potential water resources development projects:

(a) North Side Pumping Division Extension, Minidoka project, Jerome and Minidoka Counties, Idaho.

(b) Dickinson Unit, Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program, North Dakota.

(c) Upper John Day project, on the John Day River in Grant and Wheeler Counties, Oregon.

(d) A plan to rehabilitate the distribution system of the Red Bluff project, Texas.

(e) Rogue River Basin project, Grants Pass Division, Josephine and Jackson Counties, Oregon.